

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 922

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ryan James Sells, 2002
Valedictorian of Bolton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ryan James Sells is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Bolton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Sells has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Ryan James Sells has earned an exemplary grade point average and achieved a composite score of 29 on the ACT; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sells has been honored with numerous awards and accolades for his pursuit of academic excellence; a four-year honor student, he has been included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, *Who's Who in Mathematics*, and *Who's Who in Spanish*; additionally, he received the FCCLA Public Speaking Award and was voted "Most Studious" and "Most Likely to Succeed" by his fellow seniors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his high school career, he has participated in a number of student clubs and organizations, including the Science Club, which he served as Treasurer for two years; the Spanish Club; the National Beta Club; Mu Alpha Theta; and the National Honor Society, which he has served as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a four-year member of the Varsity Cross-Country and Varsity Track teams, Ryan James Sells has received several honors and awards for his athletic abilities, including Best Newcomer for Cross-Country, Best of Preps All-Metro Team for Cross-Country, and *Who's Who in Athletics*; and

WHEREAS, he also dedicates his time to a number of community service organizations and projects, including Kids Kan, Toys for Tots, Bridge Builders, Hope House, Habitat for Humanity, and the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sells's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Vanderbilt University, where he plans to enroll in the Air Force or Navy ROTC and major in Mechanical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Ryan James Sells's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ryan James Sells's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Bolton High School Valedictorian, Ryan James Sells, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.